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### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification by deleting the existing abstract and inserting the following:

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#### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

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An extensible apertured nonwoven web is described. In one embodiment, an extensible apertured nonwoven web having a plurality of apertures each having a hole size greater than 2 mm<sup>2</sup>, and a hole aspect ratio less than 6, the nonwoven web having an open area greater than 15% and being capable of at least 70% extension in the cross machine direction at a loading of 10 g/cm. In another embodiment, an extensible apertured nonwoven web comprising a plurality of apertures formed by application of a tensioning force, said apertures coincident with a plurality of weakened, melt-stabilized locations, said apertures having a circumferential edge, a portion of said circumferential edge being defined by a remnant of said melt-stabilized locations, said nonwoven web capable of extension in the cross machine direction of at least 70% at a loading of 10 g/cm.

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